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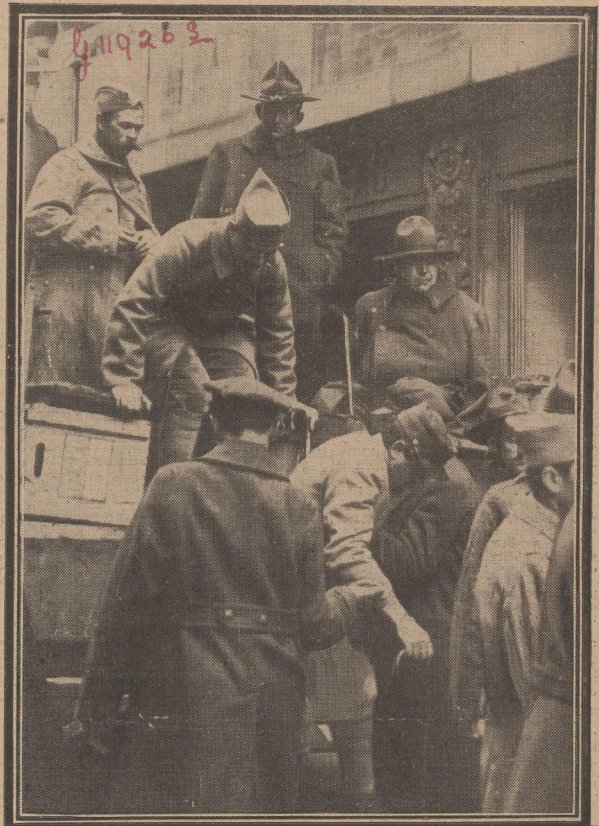
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POTATOES WILL WIN THE WAR

AMERICAN WOUNDED.



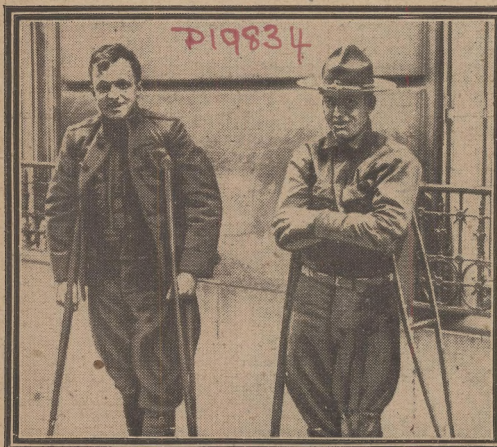
The Daily Mirror offers a prize of £500 to the amateur potato grower for the five best potatoes. They must be grown in an allotment or in a private ground. The Daily Mirror is devoting £250 in additional prizes for potato growing. Every person in the country who has a patch of ground should use it to cultivate potatoes.



A number of American wounded soldiers and French poilus are being taken to an entertainment at a cinema in France.



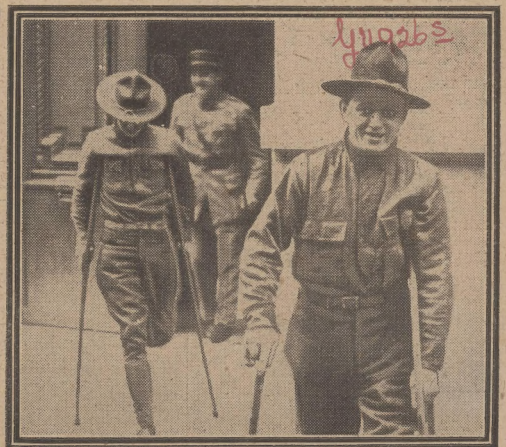
A group of wounded American and French soldiers. Many of them are using crutches.



F. W. Garland (in hat), who was captured by the Germans at Cambrai, and "recaptured" by the British two hours later.



George Henner, one of the American soldiers wounded at Cambrai.



Two American wounded soldiers starting out for a morning constitutional in the sunshine.

The above are the first photographs published of the American wounded at the front. In the fierce fighting at Cambrai our American Allies gave a good account of themselves,

and they are eagerly looking forward to the time when, in conjunction with the British and the French, they will have achieved a decisive victory over the Hun.

£750 IN PRIZES FOR POTATOES

"Bombs" That Will Hold the Food Line.

AMATEURS' CHANCE.

Make Your Plot a Base for Helping to Win War.

Five Hundred Pounds for Five Potatoes! That is what *The Daily Mirror* has decided to offer amateur potato growers to stimulate an impulse throughout the country to grow this essential foodstuff.

Five hundred pounds will be awarded for the five finest potatoes received from amateur growers in the country. One hundred pounds will be awarded for the second best five; fifty pounds for the third best; twenty-five for the fourth best; ten pounds for the fifth, and further prizes of five pounds each.

The potatoes must be grown in an allotment or private garden, and when submitted to the judges must be accompanied by a written guarantee signed by two witnesses testifying that they are of allotment or private garden growth.

Further details of *The Daily Mirror's* great potato growing scheme will be announced in due course, but it must be distinctly understood

WHAT COUPONS WILL BUY.

BEEF	Oz.	Wing ribs	Oz.
Bump steak	4	Topside	3 1/2
Leg of beef bone	5	Topside	5
Do. (with bone)	5 1/2	Beef suet	4
Silverside	4 1/2		
Sirloin	4		
MUTTON OR LAMB		Mid. neck (stew-)	
Leg	4	ing)	6
Shoulder	5	Chops	3 1/2
Neck	6	Scrag	7
Breast	7		

that *The Daily Mirror* cannot enter into any private correspondence with readers on the subject.

In judging the potatoes care will be taken to estimate local conditions in which they were grown.

WILL SOLVE FOOD PROBLEM.

The Daily Mirror has entered upon this scheme because it realises that potatoes are an essential of the food problem.

If the need arises, the nation could live solely on potatoes. We have partly, but not sufficiently, realised this.

There must be an immediate increase in the potato-growing impulse. We must all plant and cultivate potatoes, so that if need be we can use them as the mainstay of diet.

Every man with a garden or an allotment must aim at being self-sufficing with his own crop. In offering this series of potato prizes *The Daily Mirror* hopes to make the enthusiasm for potato growing general throughout the country.

MR. BOTTOMLEY'S CALL.

Potatoes may win the war. It is absolutely essential that everyone should try this year to grow as many potatoes as possible. All other garden crops should be secondary to potatoes.

In calling for potatoes "Dig, Dig, Dig," and turn themselves into a nation of potato growers, Mr. Heratio Bottomley in the *Sunday Pictorial* yesterday said: "The potato crop this year must exceed last year's fine figure. Wherever possible, the potato must be substituted for bread; and it must be used in bread. Housewives and restaurant-keepers must make it a central feature of the daily menus."

I know it sounds funny—this elevation of the common "tater" to the rank of a war god—but it is little less. In war, much turns upon small things—although I want our potato, this year, to be a big thing. Give us plenty of potatoes, and we can laugh at Hunger.

"Wherefore let every man think of his back garden. The back garden and the allotment patch are the short cut to Berlin."

I know that there are plenty of spuds now in stock. Indeed, I am told that we have over 2,000,000 tons on hand; but our choice of foods is daily becoming more and more restricted, and we shall soon make a hole in that supply, especially when it becomes compulsory that it should be—for Mr. Baker to include at least 75 per cent. of potato in his bread. And especially, too, when Mr. Restaurant Keeper is limited to a reasonable price per portion."

MEETING OF ROYAL BROTHERS.

The Prince of Wales attended service at Princeton Church yesterday and motored in the afternoon to Stoke Climsland, where the home of the Duchy Farm is situated.

Prince George, accompanied by the son of Sir James Reid, Physician in Ordinary to the Royal Household, motored to Princeton from Dartmouth College early yesterday morning and the royal brothers spent several hours together.

MR. BEN TILLET ON "THE IDIOTS."

Mr. Ben Tillet, M.P., speaking at Westonsuper-Mare yesterday, said that had Russia held the war would have been over.

The idiots ran revolution against revolution, and were so responsible for the most damnable disgrace settled on humanity.



Sir Auckland Geddes, who addressed discharged soldiers on the man-power question. (See column 4, this page.)



Capt. B. G. D'O. Budd, Tank Corps, famous South African athlete, has been awarded the Military Cross.

HOW WE HIT BACK.

British Airmen in 36 Raids Drop 21 Tons on Hun Towns.

6 RAIDS ON TREVES.

A striking return of the British air raids into Germany was issued on Saturday by the Air Ministry.

This shows, during the period December 5, 1917, to February 10, 1918, inclusive, there have been thirty-six raids. Objectives at eighteen towns have been bombed, and many towns have been raided again and again. A total of over 48,000 lb. of explosives (twenty-one tons) have been dropped.

The towns which have suffered most are Dieffenhof, six raids; Treves, six; Conflans, three; Mannheim, two; Bensdorf, two; and Burbach, two.

Towns which received big weights of bombs were Metz area, 2,940 lb.; Karlsruhe, 2,800; Offenbach, 2,898; Treves, 2,400, 2,208, 1,250, 230; Dieffenhof, 2,105, 1,220, 1,344, 936; Bensdorf, 2,210, 280; Burbach, 1,096, 2,216; Conflans, 2,156, 1,428, 2,240.

The objectives bombed included factories, works, sidings and stations, barracks and gas works.

In the case of Courcelles, Orny and Offenbach "town" only is given as the objective.

WHO CAN KILL U MENACE?

M.P. Suggests £250,000 State Reward for Successful Method.

The advisability of offering a reward of £250,000 to any inventor who can devise some practical method of defeating the U-boat campaign will be recommended to the Government this afternoon by Mr. George Terrell.

Meanwhile Mr. Ford has begun the construction of plant to cost two billion dollars for the production of anti-submarine craft.

This work, according to an Exchange message from Detroit, will be completed in seventy-five days.

SOCIALIST WAR AIMS.

Peace Conference to Consider Conquered Colonies Question.

The features of the revised memorandum on war aims issued on Saturday night by the Inter-Allied Labour and Socialist Conference, which had been sitting in London for the past four days, included—

Belgium to be liberated and compensated. Flebisite in Alsace-Lorraine after Treaty of 1871 has been declared null and void.

Support for Italian Irredentist claims. Palestine to be a free Jewish State under international guarantee.

No dismemberment of Austria-Hungary, but national independence ought to be accorded to such peoples as demand it.

Conquered Colonies for Peace Conference consideration; no economic walls. Colonies of all belligerents in Tropical Africa should come under control of League of Nations.

It was decided to send a delegation to America.

BOMBING GERMAN TOWNS

Berlin on Mannheim and Wehlau Raids.

AMSTERDAM, Sunday.—The *Essen Algemeine Zeitung* says:—

"The open town of Pirmasens was bombed by enemy aircraft on Wednesday at noon. Several persons were wounded and some damage was done to houses."

A Karlsruhe telegram to Thursday morning's *Frankfurter Zeitung* says that Mannheim was attacked the previous night by hostile aircraft. Six bombs were dropped and some damage was done to houses. One child was killed and a woman and child were injured.

Wednesday's *Cologne Gazette* says that hostile aircraft threw five bombs on Wehlau, on the River Moselle, on Monday. There were three casualties and the damage was slight.—Reuter.

The Venerable Frederick Brooke Westcott, D.D., Archdeacon of Norwich and Residentiary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, has died.

RATIONS TO-DAY.

Don't Do All Your Shopping in First Part of Week.

WHAT SHOPKEEPERS CAN DO.

The great scheme of compulsory rationing comes into operation to-day in the counties of London, Middlesex, Herts, Essex, Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Unless an invalid, every member of the public is now restricted to these ration allowances per week:—

Meat	Adult	Child under 10
Butter (or margarine)	4oz.	10oz.
Sugar	4oz.	4oz.

The object of the rationing scheme, as has frequently been pointed out in *The Daily Mirror*, is not only to conserve food supplies, but also to secure equal and fair distribution of supplies. In particular it is desired to kill the queue.

The shopkeeper must divide what supplies he gets during each week as fairly as possible between his registered customers, says a week-end announcement by the Ministry of Food.

"He is not bound to sell the full amount allowed by the ration to the first-comer."

"If he cannot serve a particular registered customer one day he should be prepared to take an order to reserve an allowance for his next supply."

"Customers, therefore, must not expect to be able to obtain their supplies earlier in the week than has been usual in the past and should not do all their shopping in the first days of the week. The supplies will be larger later."

Visitors to London must show either registration or local rationing cards in order to secure a meat meal at an hotel or any other catering establishment.

Must Not Waste Food.—Under the Waste of Foodstuffs Order, 1918, it is made an offence for a person to waste any foodstuff.

Cards for Soldiers.—An Army Council instruction says it has been found necessary to arrange for the provision of journey meal meat cards for the use of soldiers on leave.

FIRST STAGE OF CONTEST

Benchers Refuse to Admit Woman as Student.

Miss Helena Normanton, of Coram-street, W.C., who had applied for admission as a student of the Middle Temple, has received the following reply from the Under Treasurer, Mr. Henry Beresford Pease:—

Dear Miss Normanton,—I am directed to inform you that a meeting of the Bench on Thursday, February 21, 1918, the Master of the Bench of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, carefully considered your application for admission as a student of the Middle Temple and unanimously refused it.

In an interview Miss Normanton said: "I regard this as the first stage of a contest which will not be a long one in view of the fact that I have behind me six million enfranchised women."

WOMEN IN POLITICS.

Mr. Barnes on the Help They Can Give Now They Have Vote.

Mr. Barnes, M.P., presiding at a thanksgiving meeting for woman's suffrage at Walworth yesterday, said he believed women would help in many things that had been talked about for generations but not improved.

As the representative of British Labour in the War Cabinet, Mr. Barnes said there were far more important things than the immediate object of the war, and one was the federation of free peoples living together in terms of international friendship.

He would ask all the belligerent peoples to democratise their Governments, and if they were still at war he would ask them plainly and in the light of day to state what their objects were.

LETTING WORKERS KNOW.

Admiralty Begin Publicity Campaign in the Shipyards.

The Admiralty has embarked on a scheme of greater publicity among the artisan army engaged on work of construction.

Captain Clingwood Hughes, R.N.V.R., has been sent to the Clyde to break the long silence regarding the heroic deeds of the British Navy. He addressed a gathering of Glasgow engineers last Saturday evening.

He said that at the beginning of the war we possessed about 300 ships designed exclusively for warlike purposes, whereas at present we had 3,500 such ships.

He accepted the position of being inferior in naval power. Her warships and mercantile marine had disappeared, and the men had lost their manhood and descended to the tactics of wild beasts with their submarines.

HUN'S CHAMPAGNE DINNER.

Rome, Saturday (received yesterday).—Adolpho Abad, ex-director of the Palace Hotel and a German, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for giving a champagne dinner in honour of the Austro-German success against the Italians in October.—Exchange.

COMBING OUT YOUNG MUNITION WORKERS.

Sir A. Geddes and Men Who Are Fit to Serve.

RAISING OF RECRUITS.

"We hear of young fit men claiming to be indispensable to a trade."

"There are other men of the same trade at this moment in the Army who are worn and tired, and they are very often much more highly skilled. We want to get these men back."

This was what Sir Auckland Geddes, the Minister of National Service, told a meeting of the discharged and demobilised sailors and soldiers in London yesterday.

Points from the speech are:—
The whole man-power position had been profoundly modified, not only by Russia ceasing to count, but by a blizzard and weeks of very incense frost in the United States, which strangled traffic.

FROM FACTORY TO ARMY.

Among the things that have not come over as a result was food in large quantities and raw materials for manufacture, including cotton and steel.

As a result of the Russian defection, the Central Powers had been able to move to the western front a large mass of men.

Forces were coming across the Atlantic which would ultimately give us a superiority of strength, but our present need was to maintain our armies at their present strength.

"A reduction in manufacture means that fewer men and women will find employment in munition factories in the weeks to come, making a certain number of people surplus in the factories."

"The broad general policy should be that men who are really fit to serve, and who have not yet served, and who have been working in munition factories should have been brought out."

"The number of men to be raised for the forces of the Crown is being raised at such a rate that that total number will be got comparatively early in the year."

"Before the material for munitions were brought over in bulk food must obviously take precedence, but the materials would come later on, and when they did the stocks would have to be recreated."

A CHANCE FOR THE "DISCHARGED."

"Later in the year there is going to be a very appreciable demand for men for munition factories. That is where I hope you will come in. The country will have to rely on you once more."

"It is the express policy of the Government that the men who have been wounded more than twice, those who have been fighting with the strain, those who have been out a long time and are not such good men for fighting because of the fatigue and nerve strain, should be replaced by fresh men."

"Then, at the end of the war, instead of having two classes in the country, the man who stayed at home and made high wages and the man who had been out to fight, we should only have one class among the younger, fitter men."

DOOMED MAN'S EVIDENCE.

Sack Murderer's Execution Postponed for a Few Days.

By order of the Home Secretary the execution of Louis Marie Joseph Voisin at Pentonville Prison for the murder of Mme. Emilienne Gerard, whose amputated body was found in a sink in Regent-square, has been postponed from to-morrow until Saturday next.

On the day on which Voisin was to pay the extreme penalty of the law the Central Criminal Court Sessions open. Among the prisoners is Mme. Berthe Roche, who, acquitted at the last sessions on the charge of murdering Mme. Gerard, will now be indicted for being an accessory after the fact.

Voisin has been respited in order that he may give evidence at the trial.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Moon.—The moon will be full to-night at 9.35.

Earl Brassey Dead.—Earl Brassey died on Saturday, aged eighty-two.

General Rawlinson.—General Rawlinson, successor of General Wilson on the War Council, arrived on Saturday afternoon at Versailles.

\$4,000,000 Milk Combine.—*The Daily Mirror* understands that Lord Rhonda, in the public interest, is closely investigating the objects of the projected \$4,000,000 milk combine.

General Election?—Mr. Asquith, speaking at a meeting convened by the Liberal Whips in London recently, said the work of the political agent had been in abeyance owing to the war, but as a general election was inevitable, preparations should be made to meet it.

To-day's Boxing.—At the National Sporting Club to-night Company-Sergeant-Major Dick Smith and Air Mechanic Joe Beckett box for the light-heavyweight championship. At the Ring this afternoon Louis Ruidick, Leeds, and Eric Jack, Aldgate, meet over twenty rounds. At Hoxton Bldg Sergeant Harry Ralph and Sergeant Harry Curzen decide a similar bout.

BOLSHEVKS SURRENDER TO GERMAN PEACE TERMS

Russia to Lose Six Provinces—Germans Nearing Reval by Forced Marches.

BRITISH LINER LOST IN BLIZZARD.

90 to 160 Perish in the Florizel—Huns Feeding Hard in Preparation for Big Offensive.

Bolshevik Surrender.—The Bolsheviks have accepted the German peace terms, which means to Russia the loss of six big provinces, internering warships, disbanding army, favouring Germany in a commerce treaty and stopping revolutionary talk. By forced marches the Germans are nearing Reval.

Liner Lost in Blizzard.—The British steamer Florizel (3,081 tons), of the Red Cross Line, has been pounded to pieces in a blizzard off Cape Race, Newfoundland. From ninety to 160 persons, including forty passengers, have perished.

BRITISH LINER POUNDED GERMAN GUNS BUSY AT TO PIECES IN BLIZZARD. SEVERAL POINTS.

90 to 160 Perish on the Florizel Off Newfoundland.

LASHED TO THE RIGGING.

ST. JOHNS (Newfoundland), Sunday. — The steamer Florizel went ashore at Cape Race early on Sunday. She is believed to be a total loss. Bodies from the steamer have been washed ashore.

Spectators of the wreck are of opinion that there is no hope that any of the passengers or crew survive. She was on a voyage from St. Johns to New York with forty passengers including a number of prominent citizens and sixty crew.

Most of the crew were Newfoundlanders. Freshwater Point, where she struck, is seven miles north of Cape Race, miles from any inhabited place.

A single wireless message announced that the vessel was ashore. Then nothing more was received, the apparatus having been apparently crippled.

A steamer has been sent to the scene of the wreck. A heavy blizzard was raging at the time.

SWEPT BY SEAS.

Persons on board were seen lashed to the rigging and the bridge. Heavy seas made it impossible for rescuers to reach the ship.

Later, the Florizel has been pounded to pieces. It is estimated that from ninety to 160 perished.

NEW YORK, Sunday. — The agents of the Red Cross Line say that the steamer Florizel, of that line, left St. Johns on Saturday evening. Early on Sunday morning a wireless message was received at Halifax saying that she was ashore and going to pieces. The agents state that a later dispatch said that the ship was three lengths off shore, and that the seas were too rough to get the boats away or boats from the shore. The seas were sweeping the steamer from aft.

The Florizel was a steamer of 3,081 tons, and was built at Glasgow in 1909. Her port of registry was Liverpool.

"DAY OF REVOLUTION IN GERMANY WILL COME."

Socialists Create Scene in Reichstag—Another Strike Feared.

AMSTERDAM, Saturday (received yesterday). — Accord to a report on yesterday's Ukraine debate in the Reichstag in the *Volkzeitung*, the Independent Socialist, Herr Cohn, said: "It is not correct that the people of the Baltic provinces are longing for Germany. This treaty is not the first step to a general peace."

"I see the day coming when the revolution will reach Germany and the peoples confronting princes will take their fate into their own hands."

Uproar ensued in the House, and there were cries of "Unheard of traitor!" but cheers from the Independent Socialists.

Another Reuter Amsterdam message, dated Saturday and received yesterday, states: "In its midday edition of yesterday the *Neues Zeitung* expresses the German and various indications go to prove that a very extensive and systematic agitation is now proceeding with the object of fomenting a fresh strike."

The *Hamburger Nachrichten* says: "The present attitude of certain German organs is decidedly not calculated to make the feeling in Germany towards Austria any more friendly."



The Germans are nearing Reval.

FEEDING UP HUNS FOR THE BIG OFFENSIVE.

Prisoner Tells of Extra Rations for Picked Men.

GERMAN TANKS SEEN.

FROM HAMILTON FIVE.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS' HEADQUARTERS, Sunday. — Whether Hindenburg and Ludendorff will alter their plans for the offensive now that we are in possession of them it is impossible to say.

We must wait a little to find out whether the attack contemplated between Arras and St. Quentin has been countermanded. In the meantime evidence still piles up confirming the accuracy of our information.

One very significant story has just been told by a prisoner. He was asked whether the food the German soldiers are getting was good and plentiful. He replied that lately in the area where he was a complaint had been made about the reduction of the rations.

They had not been officially altered, but they had been noticed to have become smaller.

"WE HATE THE KAISER."

The reply made to the complaint was that the divisions which were to undertake the coming offensive were being fed up with more food than usual, and that the men who were not to be called upon to make so great an exertion must therefore put up with less than usual for a while.

Some prisoners captured a few days ago were outspoken in their expressions of disloyalty towards the Prussian imperial family. Someone asked, "You love the Kaiser?" They answered with indignation, "We love our parents and families, but we hate the Kaiser."

They were natives of an eastern district of Germany, and not of the Prussian breed.

It is established that all men on leave have been ordered to rejoin the German Army by to-morrow or Wednesday, and it seems to have been given out that there would be no more leave for three months.

For an enormous number of them, if the offensive is delivered there will be no more leave at all, except that long leave which is spent in the grave.

LOST IN ADMIRATION.

Visiting a portion of our line which is not far from the Cambrai area I was told that one of the German tanks had been actually seen for some distance behind their front.

For some little while we have known that the enemy had tanks. This one was being exhibited to a crowd of soldiers who seemed to be following it about with admiring wonder. Whether they would follow with equal alacrity over No Man's Land remains to be seen.

I must, by the way, give wider currency to a capital joke about raiding which has been going round one or two divisions out here. An officer I know, a brigade major, who is very anxious always to know the latest news, was rung up by a friend in another headquarters.

"I say, bad business, that raid last night, eh?" The brigade major asked at once, "What raid was that?" "I haven't heard." "Oh," said his friend, "the Boches raided a Highland brigade trench disguised as jokes, and the Scotties couldn't see them."

PLAIN WORDS TO KAISER.

"I say to the Kaiser and the Germans, in the name of the American Labour movement, you can't talk peace with American workers. You can't talk peace with us at all now," said Mr. Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labour, at a loyalty meeting at New York.

"We are fighting now. Either you smash your Kaiser or we'll smash it for you. Get out of France, Serbia, Belgium back into Germany, and then perhaps we will talk peace."

SWEDEN TAKES A HAND.

A battalion of the Swedish Lifeguards left Stockholm on Saturday, states a Central News message, on two steamers for the Åland Island, which they are to guard.

At the harbour the King and the Crown Prince and a number of Ministers were present to bid the troops farewell.

LENIN'S 4.30 A.M. 'YES' TO FOE ULTIMATUM.

Berlin on "Joy Days" in Forced Marches.

HUNS NEARING REVAL.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

To the German Government, Berlin.

Our parliamentary representative left Petrograd to-day, February 24, at midday, in the direction of Dvinsk, for the purpose of transmitting to the German Government, through the Dvinsk high command, the official reply of the Russian Government on the peace conditions offered by the German Government, which had been communicated to Berlin by radio from Tsarskoye Selo to-day at 7.32 a.m.

To the German Government at Berlin.—According to the decision taken by the Central Executive Committee of the Soviets of Workers, Soldiers and Peasant Deputies, on February 23, at 4.30 a.m., the Soviet of the People's Commissaries has decided to accept the peace conditions offered by the German Government and to send a delegation to Brest-Litovsk.

President of the Soviet of People's Commissaries.—V. L. Ulianoff-Lenin, People's Commissary for Foreign Affairs, L. Trotsky.

The delegation leaves for Brest-Litovsk at 8 a.m., February 24.

N. Gorbunoff, secretary of the Soviet of the People's Commissaries.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

The German peace terms to Russia are:—Germany demands that Russia renounces every claim to interfere in Lithuania, Courland and Poland.

Russian troops must leave Livonia and Estonia, evacuate Ukraine, and make peace with the Ukraine people's republic.

Bolshevik propaganda must stop.

The Russians must intern their warships (as well as those belonging to the Entente).

New commercial treaty in which Germany is the most favoured nation—at least, until 1925. The Army must be demobilised.

The conditions must be accepted within forty-eight hours, signed within three days, and ratified within a fortnight.

The new conditions in the terms, as compared with those formulated at the Brest-Litovsk parley, include the occupation of Estonia and Finland by German police, the evacuation and peace with Ukraine and the stoppage of revolutionary propaganda.

LENIN'S ADVICE.

Lenin, says a Petrograd Reuter message, strongly urged the acceptance of the German terms, however, onerous they may be.

He says the retreating and demoralised army absolutely refuses to fight, and that he personally will not remain for a second in the Government or on the Central Executive Committee if "a policy of phrases obtains the upper hand."

According to news from Vienna, says a Paris Reuter message, Count Czernin has sent the following wireless telegram to Trotsky: "In reply to the demand which you addressed officially to the Government of Austria-Hungary, I have the honour to inform you that Austria-Hungary, in concert with her allies, is ready to conclude negotiations for peace with Russia."

The *Reichspost* of Vienna learns that Count Czernin will, for the present, abstain from participation in the negotiations with Russia.

As against the above, an Exchange Paris message says various Petrograd telegrams show Trotsky, Lenin and the Soviet of People's Commissaries now seem to have resolved upon resistance, and, further, that they have sounded the French Mission commanded by General Nisselle on the organisation of defence.

GERMAN DRIVE.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Eichhorn Army Group.—In Estonia, our troops, who have been greeted with joy by the population, pressed forward in forced marches in spite of the snow-lad roads and defeated the enemy, who resisted at some points.

They are approaching Reval. At the capture of Walk on February 22 by the spirited attacks of a squadron of hussars the town was saved before it could be destroyed by fire by the enemy.

One thousand prisoners were taken and 600 German and Austro-Hungarian war prisoners were liberated.

Small detachments thrust forward yesterday, as far as Ostrov and overcame the enemy resistance there.

Saxon troops captured 1,000 prisoners in Balbinovo. From Minsk, Borislov was occupied. German troops have entered Iskrost.

The Italians report gunfire east of the Brenta, Asiago Plateau and in the Val Dobbiadene-Montello, that on the Piave there was brisk fire from opposed scouting parties and that at Capo Sile our patrols brought back a few prisoners.

SCENES AT SATURDAY'S ROYAL INVESTITURE.



Lt. R. P. Bloor, M.C., with his father, mother and two sisters.



Lt. Whittington (left), M.C., and Capt. Staley, M.C.

THE KING COMPLIME



When the King and Queen visited the Winchester-street L.C. ham, who had been awarded the Royal Humane Society Medal.

THE MOST POPULAR WORK OF THE W.A.A.C.s.



Tending the graves of our fallen warriors in France.



Words of sympathy to visitors who have lost friends in the war.



KILLED.—Flight Lieut. E. J. K. Buckley, R.N.A.S., awarded the Order of the Crown and the Croix de Guerre, 1918, killed.



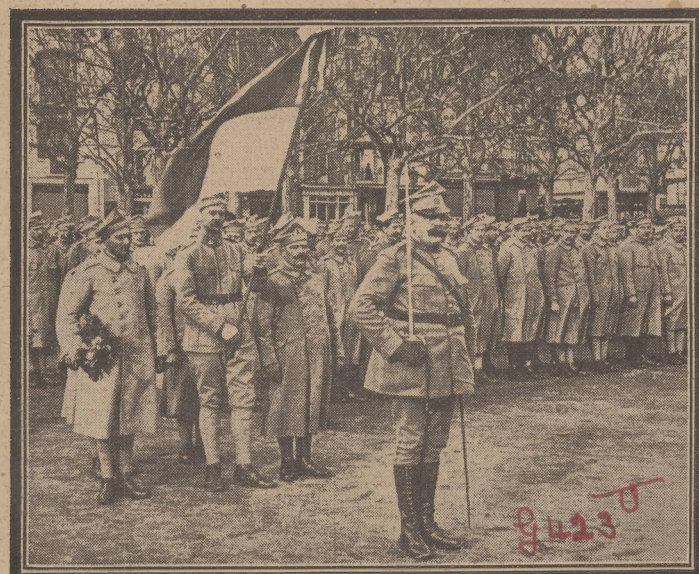
TO MARRY.—Miss Pauline (Paddy) Stewart Smith, whose engagement to Mr. Vernon Warner, the pianist, is announced.

"BACK TO BLIGHTY"—MORE



A repatriated soldier shoulders his own crutches.

ALLIES OF FREEDOM—NOT VASSALS OF GERMANY.



A Polish regiment, who have volunteered to fight with the Allies, parading before the statue of Lafayette at Puy. This photograph furnishes a striking proof that Poland as a nation has no desire to become a vassal state of Germany.

AMERICA'S FIRST VICTIM.



This rough monument, consisting of a board, marks the place at the gate of Abri, where the first wounded American officer fell.



A group of officers on deck Dutch nurses, who have and.

A BOY LIFE-SAVER.



at Islington, the King specially complimented Ernest Witting a boy from drowning. The King and Queen at the schools, them.

TRIATED SOLDIERS AT HOME.



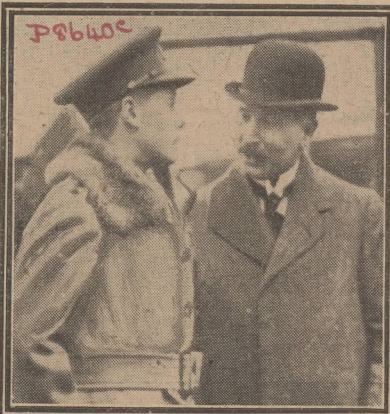
A smiling group of patients with their Dutch nurses.

MEDALS FOR BOY HEROES.

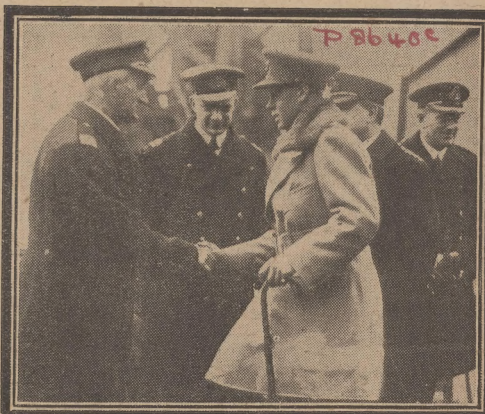


The Lord Mayor of Birmingham presented the Lucas Tooth medal to winners in the Warwickshire Cadets on Saturday. This medal is worn on the left arm.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR IN THE WEST.



Lord Bute explaining the docks to the Prince.



Receiving a naval officer in the docks at Cardiff.



RESIGNED.—General Sir Reginald Clare Hart, V.C., R.C.B.K.C.V.O., who has resigned the Lieutenant-Governorship of Glamorgan.



APPOINTMENT.—Lady Emmott, who has received an appointment to the Advisory Council, Ministry of Reconstruction.



Watching Russian soldiers at practice on anti-aircraft guns.

The Prince of Wales is having an enthusiastic reception on his western tour. After his visit to Cardiff his Royal Highness proceeded on a tour through his own Duchy of Cornwall.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE DEFENDER OF LIEGE IN PARIS



The campaign of General Leman (x) remains one of the most epic of the war. It was he who at Liège sustained heroically the German onslaught. Forty thousand Germans fell before Liège during the Belgian resistance, the effect of which was to give the Allies some days in which to prepare for the attack.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1918.

A CHANCE FOR POTATO GROWERS.

OUR news columns this morning give preliminary details of the scheme of prizes offered by *The Daily Mirror* to encourage amateur potato growing in the United Kingdom.

£500 will be awarded for the first and finest five potatoes; many smaller prizes for the next best. Here is a chance for amateur potato-growers throughout the land!

Our offer coincides with the beginning of rations for the whole country to-day.

It will serve then as a reminder of hard facts as well as a help towards a safe future.

The facts: growing gravity of world shortage of supplies and tonnage. Canada and the United States henceforward our main source of overseas supplies, owing to the immense time needed for and danger involved in the journeys from Australia and New Zealand. American railway difficulties and America's need for ships for naval purposes and troop transportation.

Elsewhere, almost everywhere, more food, not less, needed for the strength and health of enormously overworked munition people and for millions of healthy men doing the severest physical labour in the open air, in the Allied armies and navies.

The future: it is obvious that the rest of us must do something—must take up a definite line of action—must by no means be content to drift on in the old ways, expecting "everything as usual."

We must secure and organise, as it were, a healthy civilian diet, unlikely to conflict with the war workers' needs. We civilians need less. We must therefore eat less. But we can eat good wholesome foods, still, in abundance. Let us decrease our consumption of the rationed foods, and turn to the foods quite well adapted to our work.

Of these easily accessible foods, almost infinitely to be multiplied, the potato is the best and most nourishing.

Whole classes and whole countries have always lived on potatoes alone. They form the mainstay of peasant diet. Let us determine in every sense to "make the most" of them—to make the most grow, and to make the amount grown palatable and varied by ways of preparation and cooking. The potato above all!

Let it be the chief, or, if need be, the sole, food on which we intend to live. Those other foods we get can be used as subsidiary to the potato.

Such is our conviction and our policy; and *The Daily Mirror* shows to-day that it is prepared to reinforce it in a practical manner. The amateur grower can live on his own if he goes the right way about it. To the amateur grower then we address ourselves. £500 for the five best potatoes! Start at once and enter our prize lists for the production of a really vital food!

IN MY GARDEN.

Feb. 24.—Since gooseberry bushes take up comparatively little room, they are suitable subjects for growing in small gardens.

They may now be planted. Let them be set about five feet apart in soil that has been deeply dug and manured. The roots must not be squeezed into a small hole, but should be well spread out.

Prune established gooseberry bushes at once, removing worn-out branches and thinning out the centres.

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THE PURSUIT.

For every worm beneath the moon
Draws different threads, and late and soon
Spins, toiling out his own cocoon.

Cry, faint not: either Truth is born
Beyond the polar gleam forlorn,
Or in the pathways of the morn.

Cry, faint not, climb: the summit slope
Beyond the furthest flights of hope,
Wrapt in dense cloud from base to cope.

Sometimes a little corner shines,
As over rainy mist inclines.
A gleaming crag with belts of pines.

I will go forward, sayest thou,
I shall not fail to find her now.
Look up, the fold is on her brow.—TENNYSON.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Defy death and you drive him into the enemy's ranks.—Napoleon.



Lady Kenyon, who is taking a great interest in the St. David's Day celebrations.



Miss Adrah Fair, who has recently returned to the post of "Aristic" at the Shaftesbury Theatre.

GOOD-BYE, JOINT!

What Will Japan Do?—An Actress Who Is Psychic.

YESTERDAY many London households looked their last—for some time, at least—upon the Sunday joint. There is great uncertainty in the clubs about catering as far as meat is concerned. I was in a certain club on Saturday and some bright spirit suggested that a well-

THE FIRST DAY OF GENERAL RATIONS FOR ALL.



Possible—but improbable—scenes imagined by our cartoonist for the British home and everyday life.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

known artist, who is a member, should paint a portrait of the "last joint" as a memento.

I wonder!—How many restaurants will abandon the enticing entree and the juicy joint? Already I hear of several which will confine themselves to meatless menus.

Home Life.—This is largely accounted for by the fact that most married men are giving their meat coupon to the domestic food controller. And the young bachelor who ate in restaurants regularly is, most of him, in France.

Dig, Dig, Dig.—Potatoes are the subject of the hour. "We used to win wars with shells; we may win this war with potatoes," said Mr. Horatio Bottomley to me yesterday. We must all dig, dig, dig.

What They Are.—"Dorset" with an eye on rations, asks me what the Home Counties are. Well, I thought everybody knew that they were Middlesex, Essex, Kent, Surrey, Herts and Sussex. So worry not, dear "Dorset," your time is not yet.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

What Will Japan Do?—Responsible men have both eyes on Japan now. The Rising Sun banner is worth watching. It may yet float once again over a victorious army.

"High Church" Chaplains.—Colonel the Rev. J. M. Almond, C.M.G., Director of Canadian Chaplain Services, who preached at Westminster Abbey yesterday, directs the operations of the Canadian chaplains from the sixth (top) floor of Canadian Headquarters at Oxford-circus—"as near to Heaven as he can get," declare the other Canadians.

A Nuisance.—I thought the "prayer-chain" nuisance was dead—but no! I had one of the usual pestilent postcards on Saturday, written in a feminine hand.

A Disappointment.—Mrs. Lloyd George had promised to visit the baby exhibition for the Children's Jewel Fund on Saturday. The

A Girl's Example.—Lady Iris Capell, daughter of Lady Essex, has set a good example by giving a beautiful ring to the Children's Jewel Fund. Lady Iris has done lots of things during the war, including the driving of a car for the War Office.

False "Phils."—I was aware that the ways of the art-forgers were devious and peculiar, but I have only just learned that there is a regular trade in spurious "Phil May" drawings. The disreputable genius who does them might have earned fame and fortune honestly.

Portraits.—To-morrow there opens at the Goupil Galleries an exhibition of portraits of Entente celebrities, by M. Jean Baptiste Guth. I was rather tickled to notice that the printed list of "Men Who Are Running the War" is headed by the name of Mr. Asquith. The Premier's name comes sixteenth.

Seventy Years Young.—To-morrow "everybody's sweetheart," Miss Ellen Terry, is seventy years old by the calendar. The greatest English actress, however, has been dowered with perpetual youth. She is still playing Portia twice a day at the Coliseum.

Unrecognised Genius.—An aged friend of mine relates how she (the friend) was at Tom Terry's Regent's Park house to dinner, when the then unknown Ellen Terry was another guest. She complained bitterly that the management she was then under would not let her play a certain part. "My dear child," said the dramatist, "you couldn't do it!"

A False Prophet.—Even such an experienced critic as Tom Taylor did not foresee the great future of the ambitious young beginner.

Portia.—I heard Lady Mary Strickland—with pearls threaded in her hair—reciting "The quality of mercy is not strained" in Mrs. Cazalet's drawing-room on Saturday.

Mixed Shakespeare.—Lady Smith-Dorrien's curly-haired little son was an attendant, attired as a gondolier, and a girl simultaneously danced a tamberlane dance.

For Venice.—The occasion was a collection for the Venetian refugees, and amongst the contributors I saw Princess Patricia, Lady Cynthia Asquith, and aged Lady Burne-Jones, who was led in by Sir Philip.

In Wien.—At an entertainment the other night I was rather amused to observe that the familiar Suppé overture, "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna," was on the programme as "Morning, Noon and Night"—with no mention of the enemy capital.

A New Carmen?—I hear that Sir Thomas Beecham has the design of reviving "Carmen" at Drury Lane. Musical people are asking each other who is to play the volcanic heroine. Carmens do not grow on trees.

"Carmen" as a Play.—There has been no attempt to do "Carmen" as a play since Miss Olga Nethercole's famous effort at the old Gaiety, twenty years ago, with Mr. Charles Dalton as Jose. People used to go for the purpose of studying the greatly-boomed "Carmen kiss."

National Effort.—Mr. G. A. Sutton tells me that there is not a seat left for the meeting at which Mr. Bonar Law will talk about War Bonds. The Chancellor's hearers will gather at the Connaught Rooms, and he will be supported by the Lord Mayor.

Psychic.—I met Miss Mabel Twemlow, the amazon queen from "Valentine," the other night. She tells me she is very psychic, and made my blood run cold by the uncanny accuracy with which she read my hands.

Premonition.—Miss Twemlow also told me that she was deterred from crossing to England on the Lusitania by a feeling that "something would happen."

A Query.—"What I want to know is," asked a housewife of my acquaintance, who sometimes has these brain-waves, "who is going to ration the butchers?"

Nurses' Rest House.—Canadian nurses on leave from the front may now, I hear, comfort themselves in Lady Minto's old house in Mount-street. It has been turned into a rest house for them, which is appropriate, as the late Lord Minto was Governor-General of Canada many years ago. **THE RAMBLER.**

OUR GREAT PRIZE FOR POTATOES: FOR DETAILS SEE PAGE TWO.

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TWO HEROES OF THE WAR.



Second Lieutenant (Temp. Capt.) F. Sowerby, D.S.O., Royal Fusiliers, has been appointed a squadron commander, and to be a temp. major while so employed.



Maj.-Gen. Sir A. Paris, K.C.B., R.M.A., who has recently had the Order of Leopold conferred upon him by the King of the Belgians for his valour in action at the front.

ADMIRAL'S DAUGHTER MARRIED.



Colonel Francis Wilson, Canadian Army, and Miss Marjorie Bridges, youngest daughter of the late Admiral W. B. Bridges, were married at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, on Saturday.

ONE ARMY HELPS ANOTHER.



Colonial soldiers add to the collection of the Salvation Army "Lassie" for the self-denial fund. From the smile on her face it is evident that they are proving generous givers.

MEETING OF ALLIED MONARCHS AT THE FRONT.



At an Italian railway station near the front there was a meeting between the King and Queen of Italy and those of Belgium.—(Italian official photograph, exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

LADY'S MILITARY FUNERAL.



Wounded and convalescent soldiers heading the procession with a band.

SIGHT RESTORED.



Mr. George Fooks, bootmaking at St. Dunstan's.



The gun carriage proceeding to St. Thomas' Church under an escort of wounded.

At the funeral service of Mary Lady Gerard, held at St. Thomas', Ashton-in-Markfield, members of the Garswood Hall V.A.D. hospital and many wounded soldiers took part in the procession. (Inset, Lady Gerard.)



Mr. Fooks to-day.

After being almost totally blind for three years, Mr. George Fooks, St. George's-place, Bath, formerly of the Somerset Regiment, has suddenly recovered his sight. He has patriotically re-enlisted.